IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE K.C. BHANU

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WRIT PETITION NO : 21785 of 2005

Between:

The Rudrur Farmers Recreation Club,

Rudrur (Regd.No.4011/94) Varni Mandal,

Nizamabad District, rep. by its Secretary

D.Sudarshan.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,

Bodhan, Nizamabad District.

2. The Circle Inspector of Police Bodhan,

Nizamabad District.

3. The Station House Officer,

Police Station Varni, Nizamabad District.

...RESPONDENTS

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ORDER:

This writ petition has been filed seeking to issue a writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the respondents in interfering with the lawful activities of the members and guests of the petitioner organization and insisting to stop playing cards game (rummy) with or without stakes in the premises of petitioner, as illegal and arbitrary, and consequently direct the respondents not to interfere with lawful activities of members and guests of the petitioner organization and playing rummy with or without stakes.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Home appearing for the respondents.

3. There cannot be any dispute that as declared by the Division Bench of this Court in the decision reported in **Twin Cities Cinema Cultural Centre (formerly Twin Cities Club), Hyderabad Vs. Commissioner of Police, A.P. Hyderabad and others** that the game of rummy is a game of skill and not a game of chance. Therefore, the respondents have no authority to interfere with the activities of the petitioner, if their activities are in accordance with law.

4. With the above observation, the writ petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

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K.C.BHANU, J.

Date: 06th October 2005

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